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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
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 - iii. Other _____.
- b. Enclosed
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 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____.

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